MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government do not expect that avoidable delay will affect the work in those offices. No complaints have been made that such delays have occurred and have prejudiced public work.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why even the High Court Judges are not given the power to appoint even their personal peons?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: No Officer of Government has been authorised to appoint his personal peons. All the appointments are made according to the Public Service Recruitment Rules and on the advice of the Public Service Commissioner.

Appointment of Mr. S. Ramaswami in the Engineering Department.

237. **MR. K. T. THOMAS** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether at the time Mr. S. Ramaswami B. Sc. (Hon.), London, was appointed in the Engineering Department there were men with higher or equal qualifications and longer practical training in the department on a pay lower than what has been given to Mr. Ramaswami; and

(*b*) whether he has been recommended for recruitment by the Public Service Commissioner?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) There were men with equal, but not higher qualifications.

(*b*) No.

MR. K T. THOMAS: May I know whether the appointment was made by the Government direct?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes, it was one made by the Government direct.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether for the vacancy in which the appointment was made, the Public Service Commissioner had made any recommendation?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I have no information on that point.

Diversion of flood water in Kuttanad.

238. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the scheme regarding the diversion of flood water in the river Pamba and the *punja* lands in Kuttanad to the Arabian sea, by making a proper outlet at Purakkad, was submitted to them:

(*b*) the date on which the desirability of making such an outlet has been confirmed by them and the subsequent actions, if any, taken in the matter; and

(*c*) the important recommendations contained in the scheme submitted to them?

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